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Alliance Healthcare Foundation invites nine agencies to submit proposals under new strategic vision

San Diego-based foundation emerges as leader in healthcare and nonprofit community

San Diego, CA—September 28, 2009—Alliance Healthcare Foundation (AHF), a San Diego-based independent foundation with a mission to improve access to healthcare for all San Diegans, today announced the names of the nine agencies selected to submit full grant proposals for AHF's Fall 2009 funding period. Final selection of grant recipients will be announced in December, with funding started by the end of the year.

The California Dental Association Foundation, the Council of Community Clinics, 211 San Diego, the Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation, the San Diego Medical Society Foundation, the San Diego Rescue Mission, the Sharp Healthcare Foundation, the Center to Promote Healthcare Access, and the International Rescue Committee were selected from a pool of 80 submissions. The 80 Letters of Intent received from local organizations sought over \$13 million in funding.

The selected projects follow AHF's new strategic vision and grantmaking schedule that was announced during a community-wide forum hosted by CEO Karma Bass August 21, 2009. The new schedule is intended to streamline the grant process and get much-needed funding to agencies more quickly. "We at Alliance have a leadership role in this community. Our new process will provide a much more consistent experience for potential grantees and provide greater transparency to the community about how we work," said Bass. "By implementing this new schedule, AHF will shorten the time period for an agency seeking funding. While previously it could take six to twelve months for approval, the updated schedule will shorten that period to four months."

The announcement of final grant recipients in December will signify a benchmark of AHF's objective to affect innovative, timely change in San Diego's healthcare landscape. "Our goal is to make a tangible

impact on the healthcare and nonprofit infrastructure in San Diego so that our city is a world-class example of healthcare delivery,” said Bass.

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About Alliance Healthcare Foundation

Alliance Healthcare Foundation is the only local foundation focused exclusively on healthcare in the greater San Diego region. AHF seeks to improve access to healthcare for the area’s medically underserved through collaborative grantmaking, advocacy, and education.

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